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Mr. Kevin Dayton  
Regional Administrator, Olympic Region  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
5720 Capitol Boulevard  
Tumwater, WA 98504

Dear Mr. Dayton:

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) History and Heritage Committee is writing to recognize the historic significance of the McMillin Bridge (WA-73), which is located on the Puyallup River in Pierce County, in light of our understand that WSDOT is currently considering a replacement for the bridge.

According to the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, the McMillin Bridge was the nation's longest concrete truss bridge at the time it was built. The bridge was conceived by Homer Hadley, who also pioneered the concept of the Lacey V. Murrow (I-90) floating bridge. The floating bridge was recognized for its design by ASCE as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark in 2009. The McMillin Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and has been documented by the National Park Service Historic American Engineering Record (HAER).

We are writing to ask that you consider the position of this structure in history. We understand that the bridge is structurally sound. We would like to see WSDOT look at preservation and reuse options, and record the history of the bridge for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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